

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Mike Miller, on March 27, 2015 at 10:30 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Mike Miller, Chair (R)  
Rep. Greg Hertz, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Kathleen Williams, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Rob Cook (R)  
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)  
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)  
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)  
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)  
Rep. Ed Lieser (D)  
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)  
Rep. Albert Olszewski (R)  
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)  
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)  
Rep. Kerry White (R)  
Rep. Nancy Wilson (D)  
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)  
Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)  
Rep. Lee Randall (R)  
Rep. Zach Brown (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Megan Moore, Legislative Branch  
Erica Siate, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 637, 3/25/2015

00:00:01 Chair Miller

### **HEARING ON HB 637**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:32 Rep. Andrew Person (D), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 637, Provide for an apprenticeship tax credit, with an increased amount for veterans.  
00:02:36 Rep. Z. Brown entered the meeting.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

00:10:09 Judy Bovington, Department of Labor & Industry (DLI)  
00:13:06 Dan Antonietti, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)  
00:14:17 Jim Higgins, Enlisted Officers Association of the National Guard

#### **EXHIBIT(tah64a01)**

00:19:17 Sen. Larsen, SD 47  
00:22:59 Merv Gunderson, American Legion  
00:25:47 Gary White, American Legion  
00:27:11 Gary Forrester, Montana-Dakota Utilities Resources Group, Inc.  
00:59:58 Rep. Zolnikov left the meeting.  
00:28:12 JD Lynch, Teamsters Union #190 and Montana Building Trades Association  
00:28:43 Keith Allen, International Brotherhood of Electric Workers #233  
00:29:42 Ron Devlin, Northwestern Energy and Montana Waterwell Drillers  
00:31:19 John Forkan, Montana State Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters  
00:32:27 Aimee Grmjolez, WBI Energy  
00:34:21 Jesse LaBuff, International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Local 11  
00:34:47 Mark Mackey, National Electrical Contractors Association  
00:36:11 Bill Bentley, National Electrical Contractors Association  
00:36:59 Warren Smeltzer, Laborers International  
00:37:38 Jay Reardon, Laborers Local 1686  
00:37:53 Sen. Sands, SD 49  
00:38:17 Margaret Morgan, Montana Independent Electrical Workers  
00:39:10 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business  
00:39:46 John Gordon, International Brotherhood of Electric Workers #233

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

#### **Informational Testimony:**

00:40:29 Brian Olsen, Department of Revenue (DOR)

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:40:45 Rep. Hertz  
00:41:29 Rep. Person  
00:41:57 Rep. Williams  
00:42:50 Rep. Jacobson entered the meeting.  
00:43:38 Mark Mackey, National Electrical Contractors Association  
00:44:57 Rep. Williams  
00:45:35 Mark Mackey, National Electrical Contractors Association

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:46:44 Rep. Person

[EXHIBIT](#)(tah64a02)

00:47:34 Chair Miller

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 637**

00:58:05 **Motion:** Rep. Hertz moved that **HB 637 DO PASS.**

00:58:16 **Motion:** Rep. Hertz moved that **HB 637 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:58:27 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:58:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Randall, Rep. Schwaderer and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

00:59:36 **Motion:** Rep. Hertz moved that **HB 637 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:59:44 Rep. Olszewski

01:00:34 Rep. Williams

01:00:39 Rep. Olszewski

01:01:36 Rep. Hertz

01:01:59 Rep. Redfield

01:02:21 Chair Miller

01:02:25 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Flynn, Rep. Hertz, Rep. Olszewski, Rep. Randall, Rep. Redfield, Rep. Schwaderer, Rep. White and Rep. Zolnikov voting no. Rep. Randall, Rep. Schwaderer and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

01:03:56 Chair Miller

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:04:24

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Erica Siate, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([tah64aad.pdf](#))